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## **NEARLY 500 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LIBRARIANS SET TO MEET FOR MAJOR CONFERENCE**

In what has become the Nation's premier event for Government information librarians, nearly 500 depository librarians and Federal agency representatives are set to attend the 9th annual Federal Depository Library Conference, sponsored by the Government Printing Office (GPO). The conference is being held concurrently with the 57th meeting of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer from October 22-25, 2000, at the Holiday Inn-Rosslyn Westpark, Arlington, VA (ph. 703-807-2000).

The Council is composed of 15 representatives of the Government information community who advise GPO on issues related to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Administered by GPO, the FDLP partners with more than 1,300 libraries nationwide that provide local, no-fee public access to information produced by the Federal Government and distributed by the GPO in print, microform, CD-ROM, and the Internet. In 1999, GPO distributed 16.1 million copies of approximately 40,000 tangible products in traditional and electronic formats to depository libraries. In addition, the libraries provide public access to **GPO Access**, GPO's acclaimed Web site ([at www.access.gpo.gov](http://www.access.gpo.gov)), from which users currently retrieve an average of more than 25 million Federal documents each month.

Highlights of the 3-day conference will include demonstrations of Web sites from FirstGov, the Defense Technical Information Center, the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the National Agricultural Library, and others. GPO's ongoing transition to a more electronic FDLP will be a primary focus of the event, while the Census Bureau and STAT-USA from the Department of Commerce, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, the Forest Service, the Department of Energy, and others will present updates on their agencies' public information activities and products. The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science will provide a status report on its review of the Federal Government's information dissemination activities.

Concurrent technical and information sessions will include digital archiving, economic statistics, Presidential libraries, and library grants. Tours of the Senate Library, the Center for Legislative Archives, GPO's Library Programs

Service, and the Library of Congress will also be available for meeting attendees. Prior to the formal conference, librarians from the Nation's 53 regional depositories will attend an all-day session on Sunday, October 22.

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